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September 13, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Andrew T. Falkiewicz  
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Overseas Writers

In a telephone conversation today I agreed with Nick Danilooff that the ground rules for your appearance on Monday, September 22, be on "deep background." This means that there would be no attribution, unless we agree on something like "U.S. Officials" or "U.S. Senior Officials."

The luncheon will be in the South American Room of the Statler-Hilton Hotel. Informal cocktails at 12:30 p.m.; lunch 12:50-1:30 p.m.; brief opening statement by you followed by questions & answers concluded by 2:15 p.m.

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Andrew T. Falkiewicz

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Overseas Writers

I talked to Nick Daniloff along the lines of the DCI's comments. I agree that the session should be on background, but I don't much care for the "U.S. intelligence sources" formulation. I have agreed with Nick to settle the "depth" of background closer to the date of the meeting; specifically, he will call me on this subject on September 13.

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Andrew T. Falkiewicz  
Assistant to the Director

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June 2, 1976

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Office of The Director,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Langley, VA.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your telephone call of May 28 informing me that the Director believes he could meet with the Overseas Writers in September. The Overseas Writers, as you may know, is one of the oldest journalistic fraternities in Washington having been formed by the American correspondents in 1921 who covered the Versailles Peace Conference. It is my hope that Mr. Bush, when he comes, might be able to talk a bit about (1) the intelligence community following a year's congressional investigation and the Feb. 18 executive order, and (2) what seems to be happening in China.

Again, may I thank you for your kind cooperation. We are greatly looking forward to the Director's appearance.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Daniloff

President of the Overseas Writers

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*Paul G. Jones*  
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<p>Angus, I talked with Nick Daniloff and explained that Mr. Bush is doing very few appearances at the present but would love to meet with the Overseas Writers Assoc of Washington in the Fall.</p> <p>Nick said that would be just fine.</p>			
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DCI PUBLIC APPEARANCE

*Bob*  
*13 Sept*

Event: Overseas Writers

Place:

Date: Monday, September 20, 1976

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Speaking from Text

Yes ☒

No ☐

Need Press Office Help  
to Prepare Text

Yes ☒

No ☐

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Want Press Office to Attend

*IF Mr. Feis*  
Yes ☐

No ☐

Press Conference

Yes ☐

No ☒

Need Press Office Help  
to Set Up Press Conference

Yes ☐

No ☐

Special Press Assistance Required

Comments

Brief opening statement followed by

Q&A for about 40-60 minutes

Travel Arrangements

Contact: Mr. Danilo: 393-3430 or  
224-0241

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July 8, 1976

Mr. George Bush, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Overseas Writers is delighted to learn you will be our speaking guest Monday, September 20, at 12:30PM.

I will be in touch with your office about the precise location where the luncheon will be held.

Our format is simple: informal drinks from 12:30-12:50, lunch from 12:50-1:30, a brief opening statement by you, and then questions and answers for about 40-~~45~~ minutes *maximum*.

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As I told [redacted] I would anticipate two principal lines of questioning: what is the state of the intelligence community today? what's going on in China?

*① NO POLICY questions*

This brings us to the question of ground rules for your discussion. We would like the greatest possible candor in the give-and-take and to encourage this we would be happy to consider your remarks to be "on background" -- meaning no direct attribution to you, but attribution to U.S. intelligence sources.

On the other hand, if on September 20 you want to make a highly visible public statement we would be willing to lend our forum to that purpose.

*NO!!!*

If possible, I would like to settle the question of ground rules about 10 days before the luncheon, but, of course, as journalists we should be flexible enough to reach a final decision on September 20 if there is an important, last-minute consideration.

Again, may I thank you for honoring us on September 20.

Cordially,  
*Nick Daniloff*  
Nicholas Daniloff,  
President

*Discussed with AF  
what is "deep background"  
how about off the record.  
The sooner the ground rules  
the more candid  
they'll be*

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